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“Local voices through community media”

I appreciate the local, diverse voices and civic engagement that I observe on Access Humboldt. Access Humboldt Community Media Center trains locals who are interested in producing their own productions using their equipment. All of these features are extremely useful and it would be a great disservice if we were no longer able to receive this wonderful programming.

I enjoy local Native American productions, history programs, the League of Women Voter’s programming, and civic meetings from the Board of Supervisors, City Councils (throughout the county), and the Humboldt Bay Harbor District. Access Humboldt rebroadcasts local taped lectures, classes, meet the artists, drama productions, and music.

Recently we went through a Suddenlink upgrade and I have not been happy with it. There seems to be more channels offered with a religious, political tone. I will cancel my subscription with Suddenlink if, in addition to their new emphases, they no longer supported local community media. It would be an extreme disservice to all of us that count on the local civic programs that guide is in making decisions and voting thoughtfully.